

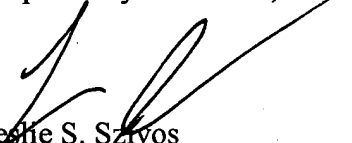
REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application, as presently filed, are respectfully requested.

In this preliminary amendment, applicants have cancelled original Claims 1-9 herein since those claims are the subject matter of parent application U.S. Serial No. 10/047,975 filed January 15, 2002 and have amended the specification to include information regarding the parent application.

Wherefore, consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

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